SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

February 7th, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

*"Happy is the **Man** that hath **His** quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."*

(Psalm 127:5)

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Looking to one's obedience to the law as a cure for sin, is like a cancer patient asking for more CAT scans and biopsies to cure their cancer. More of these tests will only aggravate the disease. So it is with the law. It is diagnostic not curative. Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin [Romans 3:20]. For we had not known sin but by the law. The only cure for sin is the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by the free grace of God. Moreover, the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound [Romans 5:20]. We love Gods law, for it is holy, just, and good. However, the commandment cannot make one holy, justified, or good in the sight of God. That, Only the law of grace can accomplish.—Greg Elmquist

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Welcome

Sinners are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:26).

Announcements

Sovereign Grace Bible Conference

David Eddmenson

February 26th, 27th, & 28th

Happy Birthday!

Vicky Hicks, February 20th

Resources

Be sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Concerning Spiritual Gifts

"…I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." (**1 Corinthians 12:1-3**)

Those who are chosen by God's grace, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and quickened and made alive by the Holy Spirit have no reason to boast of any personal achievement. The apostle Paul uses this powerful phrase, *"no man"* two times in one verse to exclude any from exalting the deeds of the flesh. Consider these three statements:

1) **All that every believer knows; God, in His mercy taught us!** The gospel of God's grace and glory is not something that the natural and carnal mind reasons out. The gospel must be revealed by the Holy Spirit. Salvation is not by education, but rather by revelation (Matthew 16:15-17). God the Holy Spirit must take the things concerning Jesus Christ and shew them unto us, or we will never understand the true gospel. *"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit"* (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

2) **All that every believer has; God, in His love gave us!** There is not a single spiritual blessing that the believer enjoys that has not been freely given to us (1 Corinthians 1:30). We are justified freely by His grace (Romans 3:24). God has loved His people freely, in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world (Hosea 14:4). Although all the spiritual blessings are freely given to us, they came at a great price, His own blood (Acts 20:28). *"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"* (Romans 8:32).

3) **All that we are; God, in His grace made us!** By nature we are born in sin and shapen in iniquity (Psalm 51:5). Every believer can truly say with the apostle Paul, *"by the grace of God I am what I am"* (1 Corinthians 15:10). We are saved from our sin by His grace (Romans 4:16).

Therefore, every believer can rightly boast of what God has done for us through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Salvation is all of God's grace, all in Christ Jesus and all for His glory. We say with the apostle, *"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Galatians 6:14).—Donnie Bell

How Excellent O God!

"How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings" (**Psalm 36:7**)

I LOVE TO SEE and bask in the Light of God's electing love, for Christ is God's Elect and it was in Him that His people were chosen before they ever existed, removing all doubt about Who does the saving. (Ephesians 1:4)

I LOVE TO HEAR of Divine substitution, for it was Christ Jesus, my Lord, my Savior, and my God who substituted Himself and died in the place of the ungodly. (Romans 5:6)

I LOVE TO THINK on God's irresistible call of sovereign grace, for I would have resisted had Christ not made me willing in the day of His power. (Psalm 110:3) *"It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."* (Romans 9:16)

I LOVE TO PREACH on perfect righteousness and justification, for Christ gave His perfect righteousness to His sheep as He took their sins upon Himself, remaining both *"just and justifier, of those who believe in* [Christ] *Jesus."* (Romans 3:26)

I LOVE TO BELIEVE that Christ chose me, called me, and took my place, justifying me before the Father by giving me His perfect righteousness. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

I LOVE TO REST in the excellence of Christ's lovingkindness, for greater love hath no man than this, that He lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

IS IT THEN ANY WONDER that Jesus Christ is everything to the saved sinner? — David Eddmenson

His Good Pleasure

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (**Philippians 2:13**)

Everything concerning a sinner's salvation is of God. Nothing is of us. We don't begin the work of salvation, He does (Philippians 1:6). We don't perform the work of salvation, He does (Philippians 1:6). We don't finish the work of salvation, He does (John 19:30, Hebrews 1:3). We don't call on Him, He calls us (Luke 5:32). We don't seek Him, He seeks us (Luke 19:10). We don't find Him, He finds us (Luke 15:3-6). We don't accept Him, He accepts us (Ephesians 1:6). We don't produce our own faith to believe on Him, He puts His own faith in us and causes us to believe on Him (Ephesians 2:8). We don't earn any perfection of our own, He earned it for us (Titus 3:5). It's not that we loved Him, but that He loved us (1 John 4;10). We don't keep ourselves in His love, He keeps us there (1 Peter 1:3-5). Salvation is totally of the Lord (Jonah 2:9). [AMEN!]—Gabe Stalnaker